

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 JIDDA 00667 311149Z

20

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 123761

O 310915Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3509

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T JIDDA 0667

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, SA, US

SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING PROBLEM

REF AMMAN 498

1. CROWN PRINCE FAHD PASSED WORD TO THE EMBASSY JAN 28 THAT HE HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO CONTACT DOD AND MAKE INITIAL DEPOSIT ON HAWK PACKAGE FOR JORDAN.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT PRINCE FAHD WAS UNAWARE RPT UNAWARE OF JANUARY 31 DEADLINE AND OF THE INFLATED TOTAL OF OVER 600 MILLION DOLLARS (SIC), UNTIL KING HUSSEIN TELEPHONED HIM ON JAN 27. FAHD SAID THIS WAS "TYPICAL OF HUSSEIN'S IMPULSIVE MANNER."

3. FAHD INDICATED THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD AGREED TO PAY THE BILL FOR 14 HAWK BATTERIES WHICH HE HAD ORIGINALLY UNDERSTOOD WOULD COST 300 TO 350 MILLION. HE INDICATED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME RELUCTANCE TO FOOT THE WHOLE DLL. IN ANY EVENT

HE SAID HE WOULD SEND THE SAUDI FINANCE MINISTER TO AMMAN TO WORK OUT A PAYMENT SCHEDULE WITH THE JORDANIANS. "WE HAVE NEVER BEEN RESTRAINED IN OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE JORDAN," FAHD ADDED, GIVING SEVERAL RECENT EXAMPLES INCLUDING A \$117 MILLION PAYMENT TO TAP LINE WHICH HAD JUST BEEN MADE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 JIDDA 00667 311149Z

AND AGREEMENT TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL \$80 MILLION IN SIMILAR

PAYMENTS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

4. SAUDI FINANCE MINISTER MOHAMMED ABA AL KHAYL IS YOUNG, BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC. HE IS ONE OF THE FEW NON-ROYAL MEMBERS OF THE SAUDI RULING INNER CIRCLE AND IS CLOSE TO PRINCE FAHD. IN THE CASE OF HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO JORDAN WE BELIEVE THAT HIS MISSION WILL BE LARGELY TECHNICAL, I.E. TO FIND OUT THE DETAILS OF THE HAWK PROGRAM AND TO WORK OUT A PAYMENT SCHEDULE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. IF THERE ARE STILL ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THE SAG'S READINESS TO FINANCE THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF THE JORDANIAN HAWK PROGRAM, ABA AL KHAYL WILL, OF COURSE, NOT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THEM DURING HIS VISIT TO JORDAN. HE WILL BE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FAHD AND THE CABINET. WE BELIEVE THAT THE JORDANIANS SHOULD BE COMPLETELY FRANK WITH ABA AL KHAYL AND HOLD NOTHING BACK, PARTICULARLY INFORMATION CONCERNING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS THAT "MIGHT" BECOME NECESSARY. THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE HAWK PROGRAM TO BE LAID OUT TO THE SAUDIS IN FULL DETAILS.  
PORT  
ER

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE, FINANCE, MISSILES, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 JAN 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976JIDDA00667  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760037-0730  
**From:** JIDDA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t1976012/aaaaabfe.tel  
**Line Count:** 81  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 76 AMMAN 498  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <15 JUN 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <05 OCT 2004 by KelleyW0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** HAWK FINANCING PROBLEM  
**TAGS:** MASS, JO, SA, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006